

# Life Group Discussion Guide: The Salvation of God

**Scripture Focus:** Jeremiah 23:1–8

**Core Theme:** God's judgment on bad leadership and His promise of the "Righteous Branch" who brings true safety and salvation.

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## Ice Breakers: Getting Started

- Who is a leader you have followed (in sports, work, or life) who made you feel truly safe and supported?
  - If you were a shepherd, what would be the hardest part of looking after a flock of sheep?
  - What is one "win" or celebration in your life right now where you feel like things are finally "coming together"?
  - Jeremiah speaks of a "Righteous Branch." What is your favorite type of tree or plant to grow?
  - **In:** What is something that the group doesn't know about you yet?
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## UP: Knowing Jesus Intimately

Focus: Our vertical relationship with God and growing in it together.

1. God promises to attend to the bad shepherds and then "gather the remnant" Himself (v. 2-3). What does this reveal about God's protective nature over your life right now?
  2. The coming King is called "The Lord is our righteousness" (v. 6). How does knowing that your righteousness comes from Jesus—not your own effort—help you know Him more intimately?
  3. What is something you're pretty sure God has asked you to do regarding trusting His leadership over your own, yet it still needs to be done?
  4. What's a small step you can take towards resting in Jesus' salvation this week?
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## IN: Being Known Authentically

Focus: Intentional friendships and "doing life" together as a communal body.

1. Verse 4 says the sheep will "fear no more, nor be dismayed." What is something that is currently heavy on your heart or causing you fear?
2. God designed us as communal beings who shouldn't be missing from the flock (v. 4). How can we as a group better "do life" together to ensure no one feels forgotten?
3. Being "known authentically" means sharing where we need help. How can this group act as "shepherds" for one another in this season?

4. What is a prayer request you have currently for your family or your "inner circle"?
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**OUT: Making Jesus Known Practically**

Focus: Consistently looking out to neighbors and friends to make the "rubber hit the road".

1. God says people will no longer talk about the Exodus, but about how He gathered people from "all the countries" (v. 8). Who is one person from a different background or neighborhood you would love to share Jesus with?
2. If we only focus on ourselves, we become an "us four and no more" tribe. How can we look "OUT" to those in our community who feel "scattered" or without a leader?
3. Who is someone the Lord brings to mind when you think about people who have been hurt by bad leadership and need the "Righteous Branch"?
4. How might you get to know the needs and prayer requests of your neighbors who don't yet know "The Lord is our righteousness"?
5. We are called to "make disciples of all nations". How can we practically show the "Salvation of God" to our co-workers this week?